



Los Angeles County
Department of Regional Planning

Planning for the Challenges Ahead



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**SUBJECT: QUARTERLY STATUS REPORT ON BOARD MOTION REGARDING
RURAL ISSUES AND THE GENERAL PLAN UPDATE
(December 9, 2008, Item 39-B)**

On December 9, 2008, your Board instructed the Director of Regional Planning to take the following actions:

1. Formulate draft standards for development of rural communities within the General Plan Update.
2. Identify provisions that relate to development of rural communities in future outreach efforts concerning the General Plan Update.
3. Make a presentation to the Association of Rural Town Councils (ARTC) no later than April 2009 concerning rural issues and the General Plan Update.
4. Report back to the Board of Supervisors every 90 days identifying how the Department is addressing rural issues in the General Plan Update.

This quarterly report, as directed by your Board motion, summarizes the progress of the Department of Regional Planning (Department) in addressing the actions outlined above.

The General Plan Update team continues to work closely with the Antelope Valley Area Plan Update team to ensure that there is consistency between efforts. In a related effort, the Ordinance Studies section conducted outreach to rural stakeholder groups including, but not limited to, the Las Virgenes Home Owner's Association (HOA) Federation, on the establishment of a Rural Outdoor Lighting District. The revised Rural Outdoor Lighting District Ordinance was heard before the Regional Planning Commission on November 9, 2011, which voted to approve and recommend the ordinance to your Board. A hearing before your Board is tentatively scheduled for January 24, 2012.

During the last quarter, the staff completed scoping meetings for the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) in the Antelope Valley on September 6, 2011, and in Downtown Los Angeles on September 8, 2011. The General Plan Update team also provided outreach to multiple communities throughout the County on the General Plan Update, including proposed major policies that address rural issues, such as the Planning Areas Framework and the Environmental and Hazards Constraints Model.

Department staff will continue to reach out to residents in the Antelope Valley and work with the dedicated and informed representatives of the ARTC and work closely in conjunction with the Antelope Valley Area Plan Update team, as the Draft General Plan is being revised.

The next quarterly report on rural issues and the General Plan Update will be delivered no later than March 1, 2012. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Connie Chung at (213) 974-6417 or cchung@planning.lacounty.gov. For questions related to the Antelope Valley Area Plan Update, please contact Mitch Glaser at (213) 974-6476 or mglaser@planning.lacounty.gov.

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